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Owe No Man Anything

SARAH MARTIN had been a real mother. She had seen her own daughter grow into womanhood. She had taken three stepchildren under her wings when they were in their teens. She took her niece into her home when her sister had died in childbirth. Then, when these five were grown, she had adopted a homeless child, two years old at the time, and helped her grow into a useful, respected woman.

Now Sarah Martin was gone and the six whom she had nursed, and loved, and trained, were waiting for the family minister to read the will.

THEY WOULD ALL be remembered—that they knew. But Sarah's material gains had been slow and of money there would be little.

They listened as the minister b to read. Family heirlooms, roc dishes, and quilts were given to the girls and only the stepson was left.

"TO JIM'S CREDITORS, the $200 h owed them over the years. May he with a clean slate and may he reme that 'paying of debts is, next to the of God, the best means of delivering from a thousand temptations of v and sin.' "

The room was quiet as they aro leave. The minister grasped each hand as they departed but only Jim s "I will always owe Sarah Martin, said. "I can never repay such love

—K. ISABELLA H

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THE CHURCH IN THE NEW

Lutherans agree in mission program

Two Lutherans, 250 years ago, were sent by the king of Denmark as the first Protestant missionaries to Asia. Scores of thousands followed in the years since, but there was no world Lutheran mission strategy. Swedes, Germans, Frenchmen, Americans worked in separate fields.

This week Dr. Fridtjov Birkeli reported to the Lutheran World Federation on his first year's work as director of world missions. Lutherans had finally found a way of sharing their resources and skills.

This doesn't mean, said Dr. Birkeli, that a central headquarters "can electronically guide missionary efforts in Africa and Asia." The Federation's Department of World Missions aims "to be a rallying point and a center where experience can be pooled."

The department was created in 1952. Dr. Birkeli, secretary of the Norwegian Missionary Society, became the director last May 1. In Vienna this week the 20-member executive committee of the Lutheran World Federation heard Dr. Birkeli's plans for training leaders in churches of Africa and Asia. The goal is to aid these churches to become self-governing, he said, but the churches "lack competent leaders." Speed-up in preparing leaders will require granting various kinds of scholarships for promising students and establishing training institutes.

Results of co-operation

There had been no Lutherans in Formosa until Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese troops retreated there after losing their battle with the Reds on the mainland. Missionaries from Denmark, Norway, and the United States followed them. Four years ago they organized the Lutheran congregation. This year have 13 (membership, 1,000).

Last month the 13 congrega formed the *Taiwan Hsin i Hui* (Luth Church of Formosa). It will own control all church property, direct sion work, establish schools, publicat youth work. There will be one Luth church in Formosa, not a half-doze flecting varied national background the missionaries.

In a big East African mission fie Tanganyika—59 missionaries were work, from Denmark, Finland, many, Norway, and the U.S. (inclu one United Lutheran). Under the National Lutheran Council guid (and with $260,827 in Lutheran W Action assistance in 1954), wo from six American and five Euro mission boards were all on one tea

Americans sent 284 missionaries

From Lutheran churches of the U States and Canada, 284 missionaries to foreign fields in 1954. This wa largest number in any year since after World War II. There are now Lutheran missionaries from North A ica at work overseas.

United Lutherans sent 32 new sionaries and returned 35 veteran overseas fields in 1954. The Evang Lutheran Church sent 72, and the souri Synod 42. Africa received largest number—101. There are American Lutheran missionaries Africa.

Missionaries from Germany out bered Lutherans from all other cou before World War II. They wer terned or sent home after 1939. month the number had climbed bac

934, and continues to increase steadily. ere are 1,397 Swedish missionaries king in foreign fields, but only 201 n the Church of Sweden. The Pente- al Church of Sweden, with 1.5 per of the Swedish population in its nbership, has 352 foreign mission- s.

DR. GEORGE H. BERKHEIMER
ecomes pension board executive

eimer is new pension chief

e 44-year-old secretary of the Cen- Pennsylvania Synod was elected this h as executive secretary of the d Lutheran Church Board of Pen- Dr. George H. Berkheimer was d at a special meeting of the board eb. 3. He succeeds Dr. Thomas L. who died Nov. 21.

. Berkheimer was a parish pastor 1935 to 1949 (except for three as a U.S. Army chaplain). Since he has been a synod officer.

UN won't get auditorium

Somebody in San Francisco forgot that the civic auditorium had been rented to 10,000 Luther Leaguers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church for their convention June 21-26. City officials also promised the auditorium to the United Nations for a tenth anniversary celebration June 20-26.

The UN settled the dispute this month without police action. Its birthday will be observed in San Francisco's opera house, smaller than the auditorium. Luther Leaguers wanted the auditorium, had signed a contract for it, and didn't figure they could change their plans.

Don't agree on alcoholism

A new way to deal with the old problem of heavy drinking had been tried out in the last dozen years. At the Yale School of Alcohol Studies, and others like it which are held each summer, scientists share with clergymen in trying to figure out why some people become alcoholics, and how they can be cured.

Old-fashioned Texas prohibitionists weren't satisfied. They said the School of Alcohol Studies at Southern Methodist University (Dallas, Texas) offers "moderation rather than abstinence as the only remedy." The school doesn't talk about the "manufacturers, retailers, or advertisers who produce and enlarge the alcoholic population of our nation." The textbook used at the Texas school, said the United Texas Drys, "opposes the principles of the Methodist Church."

The Rev. Ernest Shepherd, administrator of Florida's alcoholic rehabilitation program, was on the other side of the question. He said some pastors and church members are "bossy" in dealing with alcoholism because they have rigid attitudes. He said the church must become a family of forgiving and forgiven

sinners. An alcoholic, he said, needs to undergo a radical change in his personality. He must develop some positive new interest to replace the craving for liquor.

In Washington this month the National Temperance and Prohibition Council, a federation of about 50 denominational and regional groups, defeated a move to delete the words "and Prohibition" from their name.

Don't shop on Sunday

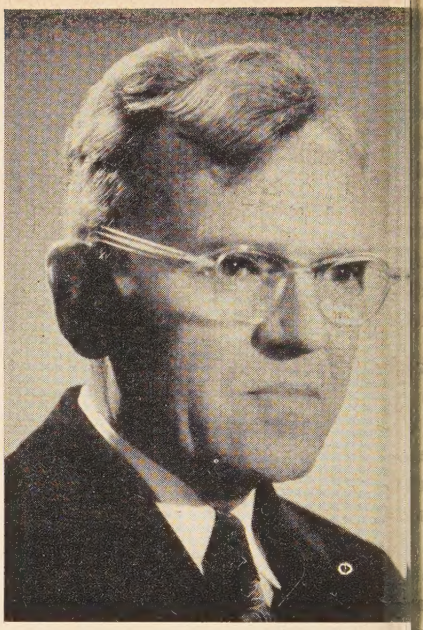
Some supermarkets in Des Moines, Iowa, had decided to stay open on Sundays. Many customers formed the habit of doing their week's marketing on Sunday instead of Saturday.

In all Roman Catholic churches of the city a letter from Bishop Edward C. Daly was read last month, telling church members that "if you did your shopping—as you should—on other days of the week, the shopkeeper would soon close his doors on the Lord's day, especially if you gave your trade only to those who keep the law."

"Men need the spiritual refreshment which comes of keeping holy the Lord's day," said Bishop Daly. "They have a right to be free from work to pay homage to their Creator, to draw spiritual strength from joining with their neighbors in divine service, and to have the opportunity of religious instruction. Those who require their employees to work on the Lord's day do them injustice, for they make their religious duty difficult and often impossible."

"Here I Stand" for 50 cents

Best book on Martin Luther by an American was written by a Quaker, Prof. Roland Bainton of Yale Divinity School, and published by Methodists (Abingdon Press gave it a $7,500 prize). It will be on the stands this month in a 50-cent edition, said the New American Library (Mentor Books).



DR. ROLAND BAINTON
Put Luther on the bookstands

Title is *Here I Stand,* with a sub "A Life of Martin Luther," promin displayed on the cover. Dr. Bainton an advisor in making the *Martin L* movie, and is one of America's f rank church historians. Lutherans be curious about how much local sure is exerted by non-Protestant keep the book out of sight.

Gideon Bibles barred in Maryland

An injunction was granted in Ca County, Maryland, last month ag distribution of Gideon New Testam in public schools. John A. O'Don a lawyer in Westminster, filed the tion, saying the Bibles (King James sion) are "copies of religious Scrip sectarian in nature, and susceptibl many interpretations."

A ban on distributing the Gi Bibles in Rutherford, N. J., was up by the New Jersey Supreme Court.

ober the U.S. Supreme Court refused eview the New Jersey decision.

Ir. O'Donnell said his action against ributing a Protestant translation of Bible was not taken because he is a nan Catholic but because he is "a ver and a veteran. I have sworn many s to uphold the Constitution," he . He believes that distributing the es is "a flagrant abuse of the Con- tion."

eran laymen elect Helwig

Milwaukee manufacturer, Walter Helwig, was selected on Jan. 29 as ident of the Lutheran Laymen's ement for Stewardship. The laymen, pay a minimum of $100-a-year dues LM members, finance a program ducating United Lutherans in gen- s giving. They plan to spend $288,524 is work in 1955.

six months of 1954 the laymen sup- 7.5 million copies of their steward- publications in 2,246 United Lu- n parishes. Their staff officials spoke at 504 meetings in 25 synods. A succession of their stewardship motion pictures has been shown in most ULC congregations. Executive director of the organization, Dr. Henry Endress, played fullback on the team that produced the *Martin Luther* film.

WALTER O. HELWIG
New leader for laymen

Mr. Helwig was the founder of the Carbon Brush Manufacturing Company in Milwaukee. He is treasurer of the Synod of the Northwest and of Northwestern Theological Seminary. He succeeds Paul I. Folkemer of Baltimore as LLM president. Membership in LLM was 1,668 on Jan. 1.

Cartoon comes next

Next stewardship movie, reported Dr. Endress, will not be another drama but will be a full-color cartoon film. It will be aimed at children, but is expected to appeal to adults also. It is to be produced by an English company, Halas and Batchelor, whose *Animal Farm* was recently released in the U.S. and who are now working on a DeRochemont production of *Pilgrim's Progress*.

The stewardship film is scheduled for completion in September.

Battle for youth in East Germany

Church leaders in East Germany had taken a drastic stand against "youth dedications" which Communists are planning to conduct in April. Fourteen-year-olds who take part in the "dedications" can't be confirmed in church, said such leaders as Dr. Otto Dibelius in Berlin.

Fourteen is the age when most German boys finish their basic schooling and either get jobs or go on to high school. It will be "very advisable," said Communist leaders, "for youngsters who want to find a job or be admitted to high school" to take part in the Red ceremony. In some cities, youths seeking to line up jobs are asked to produce evi-

dence that they have registered for the dedications.

The Red ceremony for teen-agers is being promoted as a substitute for confirmation, churchmen assert. Each person taking part in the youth dedication is to be given a book, *Universe, Earth, and Men,* which promotes an atheist view of life.

Preaching in East Berlin's *Marienkirche* on Feb. 6, Bishop Dibelius said: "Whoever goes to the youth consecration, rooted in the materialist ideology, cannot be confirmed in the church . . . A firm stand must be taken, and no concessions must be made."

No death penalty

Episcopalians were almost three to one in opposition to execution as a punishment for crime when they voted on the question in the Los Angeles diocesan convention. "There are deep theological questions as to the right of human be to deprive another of life, even thro legal processes," they said.

There is damage to the whole c munity in which the death sentenc inflicted, said the Episcopalians. " carrying out of the death penalty has serious effects on the judge, jury, at neys, prison staff, other inmates, and r tives of the principals." Putting a c inal to death may be "depriving Go his opportunity for redeeming manki

The churchmen said "many fac other than the degree of guilt" shape court decision on whether a crim should be executed or given a life pr sentence.

Women will get around

Four women start from Los Ang this week on a trip around the world create greater unity in fellowship prayer among Christian women." T

NATIONAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT EUGENE BLAKE SAYS GOODBYE
Mrs. Baker, Miss Sunderlal, Mrs. Wyker, Mrs. Murdock MacLeod who'll stay h

going through Southeast Asia, the
ldle East, and Africa.
n the Fiji Islands, India, Egypt, and
other countries the women expect to
with other women about world peace
Christian unity. Those circling the
ld in 60 days are Mrs. David D.
er (editor of The *Church Woman*),
s Felicia Sunderlal of India, Miss
fina Phodaca of the Philippines (who
s up with the travelers when they
h Indonesia), and Mrs. James D.
er, president of United Church
nen, a department of the National
ncil of Churches.

erans go ahead with resettlement

ilure to bring European refugees to
U.S. in 1954 did not influence the
onal Lutheran Council and the Lu-
n Church—Missouri Synod to aban-
their plans.

S. government officials acknowl-
d this month that they had short-
ged the refugees, preferring to spend
time and money in bringing over
of the "surplus population" of Italy
Greece. They don't require such
ully careful checking as the East
peans who escaped from Com-
sts into Germany and Austria.

reement of the National Lutheran
cil and Missouri Synod to co-oper-
a million-dollar resettlement pro-
in the next three years was ap-
d by the NLC on Feb. 2. Approval
e Missouri Synod was expected Feb.
NLC will provide $600,000 from
ran World Action funds, and the
uri Synod $400,000.

stants marry in Spain

er a 14-month legal battle, two
Spanish Protestants were per-
l last week to take their marriage
before a civil judge in Madrid. Per-
intervention by Dictator Francisco
o made the ceremony possible. It

CARTHAGE CONSIDERS MOVING

Trustees of Carthage College voted at a Feb. 4 meeting in Chicago to ask their supporting synods for authority to relocate the college in northern Illinois. Estimated cost of the move would be $4 million, said Dr. Harold H. Lentz, college president.

Carthage College, now located in Hancock County in western Illinois, is supported by the Illinois, Iowa, Wartburg and Northwest Synods. The Northwest Synod last year expressed a desire to establish a new college in Wisconsin, but delayed action until Carthage trustees could consider relocating the college "in or near Wisconsin."

marked the first time under the present Spanish regime that former Roman Catholics were permitted to contract civil marriage and the first time that civil law was given priority over church law.

The couple that broke the precedent were the Rev. Francisco Manzanas Martin, 28-year-old pastor of a Protestant chapel in Alicante, in southeastern Spain, and Carmen Pelegrina Jalvo, a 20-year-old Madrilena. Both had been Protestants since childhood, but since they had been baptized in the Roman Catholic Church, according to Spanish canon (church) law they needed church approval for their marriage. Baptism imprints an indelible mark on character and soul and a person baptized in the Roman Catholic Church must remain always under the church's discipline, according to the canon law.

When Pastor Manzanas could get no satisfaction from Spanish courts, he appealed directly to Gen. Franco last fall. Franco's intervention was believed to have a connection with the proposed U.S.-Spanish "procedural agreement" relating to the possible marriage of Spanish citizens and U.S. civilians or military personnel stationed in Spain (see THE LUTHERAN, Jan. 5 and Jan. 12).

World News Notes

Has Germany recovered?

Americans wonder how Germans got on their feet only ten years after the defeat that wrecked the nation. They also wonder where the Germans will go from here. Germans are asking the same questions.

"Our cities and villages have been rebuilt and show prosperity," said *Sonntagsblatt,* weekly publication edited by Bishop Hanns Lilje. "Social tension has lessened. Employers and workers get along together better than in earlier decades . . . We have overcome the defeatism of the early postwar years."

But deep-lying effects of the Hitler days, World War II, and postwar desolation have not been overcome, said *Sonntagsblatt.* The big question is: "Have the Germans overcome the shock of World War II?"

The answer: "We don't think so. We value the individual more highly than before, but we lack understanding of what the community means to the individual and what his obligations to it are. Controversy over rearmament shows that many among us still want to be 'counted out.' We have changed our attitude toward history. The young generation no longer feels any obligation to the German past.

"This shows how deep the shock of 1945 went. You can rebuild houses more easily than you can rebuild the structures of those intangible bonds that make up a nation. Our generation had too much history in a lifetime. We had the monarchy, the Weimar Republic, Hitler and *re-education* that dismantled our national pride. All of these demanded serious attention. And so we now have a void in which we refuse to take anything seriously. We accept democracy as a handy administrative technique, not as a h form of living."

All this, says the German paper, to the conclusion that "the German ple need rest for a long time. What destroyed cannot be rebuilt by ma means. It must grow slowly out of own soil. It will take years of pea achieve this."

Land lies idle

With bitter fury, Germans were d out of their eastern provinces and Czechoslovakia after the war. Pole Czechs took over. But most of German houses are still empty, the uncultivated.

Poland and Czechoslovakia have hard to move part of their own population to the newly acquired a In the Sudetenland alone 1,230,000 awaited new farmers. The farmers c come.

Polish plans called for the resettle of 15,370 persons from central P in 1954. But, as *Rada Narodawa,* P National Council publication, adm in December, "it is highly doubtful the resettlement goal can be attaine

From one Polish district 8,000 lies were to be resettled in the Oder-N territories. Four hundred ninety agreed to move. Not more than 5 cent of the 1954 resettlement quota reached, *Rada Narodawa* reported.

Czechs have the same experi 105,000 workers were to be resettle der the 1954 plan. Only slightly 6,000 were willing to go. Comme the official *Rude Pravo:* "It canno denied that the government orders cerning resettlement of border territ have had unsatisfactory results."

R. E.

YOUNGDAHL AND LATTIMORE

DERAL JUDGES do not always see eye e with the Justice Department. A ear-long tussle between Judge Lu- Youngdahl and the Attorney Gen- office over the definition of perjury es against Owen Lattimore ended er round, as Youngdahl dismissed two-count indictment against Latti- The judge said the charges were ague.

year ago, Youngdahl rejected four seven counts in the first grand jury ment of Lattimore, on the grounds hether or not a person was a "sym- er with communism" was impos- o prove or disprove, and that to try so would infringe on personal free- f belief. The Court of Appeals sus- Youngdahl in his dismissal of two the four counts, including the most tant one.

e in 1954, when the new two-count ment was brought, the Justice De- ent asked Judge Youngdahl to dis- himself on the grounds of per- ias in favor of Lattimore. Young- dignantly refused, saying that the t was scandalous and impugned the ty of the courts.

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two counts that Youngdahl dis- were that Lattimore lied before nate Internal Security Subcommit- denying (1) that he had "followed mmunist line" and (2) that he had ted Communist interests. The in- nt defined following the Com- line as knowingly and intention- lowing in time and conforming to icies expressed by the government Soviet Union in regard to po- diplomatic, military, economic, cial matters. It defined promoting unist interests as intentionally contributing to the growth, enlargement, and prosperity of communism by acting to further its objectives.

The crux of the case, according to Youngdahl, was whether Lattimore had the same definitions in mind when he made his denials. This goes to the heart of the meaning of perjury, which is the intentional misstatement of facts. To substantiate a charge of perjury, the facts in dispute must be capable of clear proof or disproof; and if the facts are couched in vague terms, a mutually acceptable definition must be agreed upon by both sides, not imposed by one side after the incident has happened.

JUDGE YOUNGDAHL pointed out that it would be almost impossible to prepare an adequate defense against the accusations, which the Justice Department would seek to prove by excerpts from Lattimore's writings and speeches over a 15-year period. He said that to require Lattimore to go on trial for perjury under charges so formless and obscure would make a sham of the Sixth Amendment, which requires that a defendant be "informed of the nature and cause of the accusation."

The point at issue is not whether Lattimore is innocent or guilty, but whether the determination of his innocence and guilt shall be by the fairest of judicial standards. In today's atmosphere of hysteria, it is all too easy to assume a man's guilt instead of assuming his innocence until he is found guilty. Judge Youngdahl has shown moral courage in standing his ground on behalf of the principles of justice, knowing that his decision would expose him to vitriolic criticism. In doing so, he maintained the integrity of his own conscience.

—ROBERT E. VAN DEUSEN

Baptism Has Three Dimensions

By JOHN SCHMIDT

The sacrament isn't only a past act performed in infa
It has meaning in our lives today and hope for the fu

THE DEVELOPMENT of 3-D cameras and motion pictures has made us conscious of the fact that we cannot see an object as it really is until we take into account its depth, as well as its breadth and height. Three-dimensional objects must receive 3-D treatment. That is true of spiritual realities, as well.

Salvation, for example, cannot be grasped in its biblical profoundness until we take seriously that it is a three-dimensional fact. We are "saved"—that is, once in history the Sin-bearer assumed our guilt on his cross and said, "It is finished." There is nothing more that can or need be done. Thus salvation is a fact that belongs to the past. But, quickly adds the New Testament, we "are being saved," since God's redemptive work is still unfinished in us. In Luther's phrase, we are merely "becoming-Christians." Seen from this viewpoint, salvation can be spoken of only in the present tense. We "will be saved" is, however, the phrase that points to the third dimension of this fact. Past and present are prophetic. In its full sense we do not yet have salvation. We have been served only the first course of the banquet. God's gift is so great that it cannot be described in a single tense. It takes all three.

BAPTISM IS ANOTHER of these 3-D realities. And, again, we lose very much if we do not see all three.

Clearly, baptism belongs for mo
us to the past. It points back to the
when our parents and sponsors br
us in infancy to the font. We pe
can still find the certificate that give
precise date and place. This dime
is the only one most of us think
when we consider this sacrament.

That is natural, perhaps, for what
place in that moment is of the ut
significance. It was then that God
self said, "I desire you to be mine,
ever, because I love you. I gave my
to die that you might be my chil
adopt you into my family." And all
said to one single individual! God'
vitation of grace is not a blanket in
tion, addressed to "Occupant,
Route." "I have called you by n
you are mine," says God.

Baptism is the seal of his grace.
matter what happens, no matter ho
I may stray from his will, I can al
turn back to this sacramental mome
regain assurance and new hope. Th
why Luther, in the stress-filled hou
the Reformation, said that he f
needed courage again and again, n
the fact of his priestly ordination n
his scholarly position, but rather in
fact of his baptism. This gave him
assurance that he was God's
through grace, a status with which
other could be compared.

This is why our Order for Bap
contains such joyful and ringing phra

This is the first of a series of articles about Baptism by Dr. Schmidt, who is pastor of Indianola Church, Columbus, Ohio.

GRACIOUS WORK OF GOD
Baptism assures us of the Father's love

otten thee again of water and the Ghost, and hast forgiven thee all sin" . . . "thou hast granted to this the new birth in Holy Baptism, and ved him as thy child and heir to thy dom." But are such words justified? can we honestly speak of "new in Holy Baptism" when so many have received the sacrament live as ne children of darkness? Can a man me unborn? If baptism has only this e dimension, if its fullness lies in a act, this question is difficult to an-

OWEVER THE LUTHERAN CHURCH has ys recognized a second dimension, of the present. Baptism is not only cramental action administered on a fic day at the church's font. It is a continuing action. Because it is ent in eternity, it belongs to the con- usly present moment. Luther's chism knows this very well: "Baptism signifies that the old Adam in us is to be drowned and destroyed by daily sorrow and repentance, and again the new man is to come forth and live." There is a sense, then, in which I am constantly being baptized. The putting to death of my natural, sinful self and my yielding to the rightful Lordship of Christ in larger measure, is as truly a part of my baptism as is the water that the pastor sprinkles on my head.

Our faith takes seriously the stubborn persistence of sin in us. It does not surrender its grasp easily, nor for long. This is a struggle that does not end short of death. Sin is tireless and resourceful. Drive pride, for example, out of the front door and you find him slipping into the kitchen dressed as humility.

THE FACT that through baptism we have received the new birth means only that we are in-process-of-becoming Christians. We are "being saved." This gives

urgency to the instructions given by the pastor to parents and sponsors: "I now admonish you . . . that ye diligently and faithfully teach him the Ten Commandments, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer; and that, as he grows in years, ye place in his hands the Holy Scriptures, bring him to the services of God's House; and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith." Only so can we expect the child to abide "in the covenant of his baptism" until the final judgment. The child must be made aware of his rich possession, if he is ever truly to possess it.

It is this second dimension of baptism that causes us to pray, after we have thanked the Father for granting the new birth to this child, "We humbly beseech thee to defend and keep him in this grace, that he may never depart from thee." Baptism, seen as a past act, is the gracious work of God; baptism, recognized as a continuing reality, is equally his work.

IT MUST BE ADDED that this period of tension and struggle is not the final word. Baptism has a third dimension, as s that transfers us into that future v time is swallowed up in eternity.

The struggle may end for us when glorious hope" of our Lord's retu glory will occur (an event of whic Bible assures us just as emphatically says we may not attempt to fix its c Or it may end when death comes, for us, if not for the whole world, will cease. This is to live under the s yet hope-filled expectation of "the of Jesus Christ."

Then, though not until then, the given us in baptism will be wholly Only then shall we be, actually and the sons of God. Only then will we fully reborn that the old Adam sha longer exist. This is the expectation prophecy of this sacrament: We wh sinners and rebels and who are never to set ourselves completely free from clinging net of evil, will "finally re the fullness of (God's) promise in eternal kingdom."

This is the full, three-dimens glory of this sacrament.

THE SECTARIANS, the converts to a cause, must speak. As the Quakers say, "His concern demands it." I always smile when I run into a man who tells me that he believes and yet keeps silence. Belief and silence cannot be reconciled. They are, like light and darkness, forever incompatible. One must drive out the other. —KERMIT EBY

AN OLD BLACK MAN in Africa would occasionally stop in the day's work, lay his hand on the top of his head, and then proceed with his task.

It was explained that the old fellow, a Christian of some years' standing, carried a vivid recollection of his baptism. Confronted with some new responsibility, temptation or problem, it was his custom to lay his hand on the spot where the baptismal water was placed, and say to himself, "You are a baptized person." This steadying gesture seemed to open for him sources of power.

—ROY L. SMITH in *Stewardship Studies* (Abingdon)

itherans Work Well Together

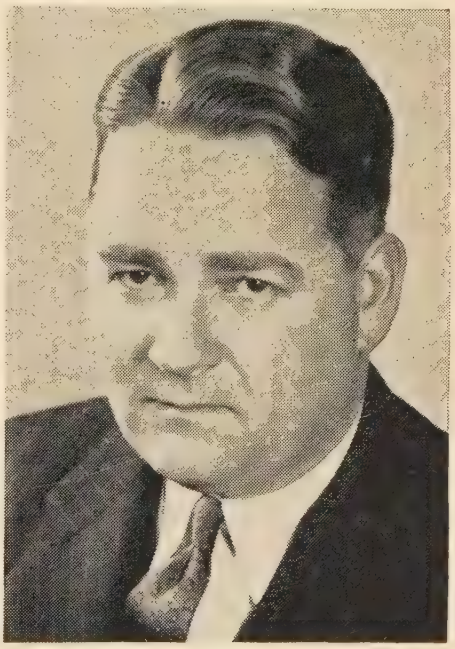
National Lutheran Council at 37th annual session hears of progress and co-operation in many areas of activity

FOR MORE THAN A GENERATION, most Lutherans in America have been working l-in-hand in a dozen important fields through the National Lutheran Council. y this month the Council, representing all major church bodies except the Mis- i Synod, held its 37th annual meeting. Refugees, DPs, men and women in uni- , migrant workers, people in hospitals and other institutions—all these are being ed by the Lutheran churches through the work of the Council.

The National Lutheran Council came into existence in 1918. Co-operation in among soldiers and sailors during the first world war had convinced church ers that the various Lutheran bodies could labor together effectively and pool of their large responsibilities. The NLC has acted as an agency for its member ches. Its authority comes only from its members and it can operate only in areas gnated by these member churches.

MERGENCY RELIEF in Europe in the following World War I constituted irst major enterprise of the Council. followed a decade or more of peace- activity in which home missions and l welfare programs took the fore. d War II brought a vast number of gency problems. Spiritual and ma- needs in all corners of the world ored for attention from American erans. Raising large additional sums oney through Lutheran World Ac- the Council faced the new problems ey came, and racked up a notable d of achievement. Service to mili- personnel, mission programs in de- communities, relief in war-dev- ed countries, support for mission orphaned from their European bases by the war, care for refugees DPs, resettlement projects, new mis- work in Latin American lands where erans were settling, and many other were undertaken by the NLC in ing out the co-operative ventures supporting groups.

its meeting in Atlantic City this month, the Council gave account of its stewardship. Since 1940, more than $40 million has been raised and distributed



COUNCIL'S EXECUTIVE
Dr. Paul C. Empie

through Lutheran World Action. An additional $38 million worth of food, clothing, medicine and other supplies have been shipped into 28 countries around the world through Lutheran World Relief. On the home front, mission, student service, and military work has grown.

Dr. Paul C. Empie, a ULC clergyman, has been executive director of the NLC since 1948. He succeeded the late Dr. Ralph Long, who had served for 18 years. First executive head of the Council was Dr. John A. Morehead, from 1923-30.

Benson Sees Church as Defender of Liberties

PERPETUATION OF American freedom "will ultimately depend not so much on patriotic oratory in and out of Congress as on the attitudes we develop in the hearts of our youth, whether these young people are in uniform or in classrooms."

That was the belief voiced at the opening session of the meeting by Dr. Oscar A. Benson, president of the Augustana Church and also president of the NLC.

"In a time when freedom of speech and even freedom of thought are jeopardized by those who have the power to intimidate and to apply social and economic pressures it may be that the church remains as the staunchest defender of our American liberties."

DR. BENSON singled out in his message the work being done by the Council's Student Service Division and its Bureau of Service to Military Personnel. He disclosed that plans would be proposed for the establishment of a Division of Boys' and Men's Work and a Bureau of Scouting to implement this work with youth.

Another project of the Council to which he called attention is that of l host to the 1957 convention of the theran World Federation, an int tional body organized in 1947 which resents about 50 million Lutherans i churches in 27 countries. The 1957 clave will be held either in Philadel Lafayette, Indiana; or Minneapolis.

Washington Influences All Church Members

WASHINGTON is never dull, repo Dr. Robert E. Van Deusen, Washin representative of the Council. Deci made there help carve the course of tory. Any week's happenings inc events of major importance.

"Usually the headlines go to the a ities of Congress, or of the president members of his cabinet," Dr. Van De said. "But last year the Supreme C stole the show with its decision that regation in the public schools is cont to the constitution.

"The implications of this decision far-reaching. It challenged deeply trenched social mores regarding the aration of the races. It reversed the l standing legal principle permitting arate but equal facilities.' It involved thorny issue of states' rights versus eral authority.

"Fully as important as its domestic pact was the effect of the Court deci on world opinion. Race prejudice segregation in the U.S. had been ploited in Communist propaganda proving the insincerity of American tensions to democracy. To have ra segregation officially outlawed by the legal authority was a body blow to C munist propaganda and a demonstra of the real meaning of American f dom.

"In world affairs, the most far-rea

ıg development was the progress in lans to use atomic energy for peaceul purposes. The highlight came in the nanimous vote in the UN for the forıation of an international agency to uide this development. Agreement of he East and West on the basic principle vas testimony to the powerful appeal f the 'atoms for peace' idea. If the eaders of the nations are able to steer he world away from nuclear war, the istorian of the future may mark the harıessing of the atom for peaceful use as he turn in the road which led the human ace from the edge of annihilation to a eriod of mutual helpfulness."

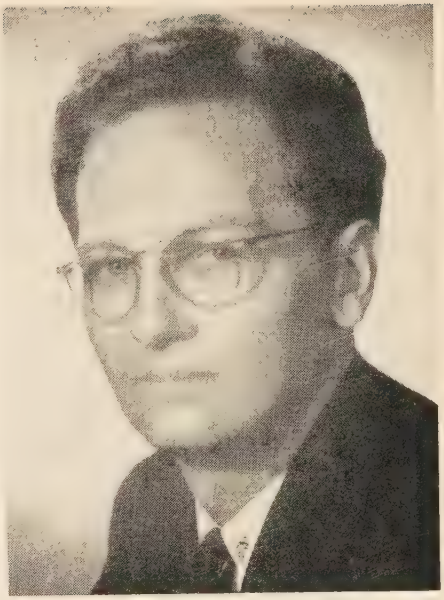
Dr. Van Deusen's work includes a tudy of legislation which affects the prorram of the church in any way. Reports n this kind of legislation are made to ll church bodies. He also maintains an nformation center for the benefit of the hurches and of government agencies.

Fight on Delinquency Needs Church Aid

Churches must join with other constructive community forces to combat the rising tide of delinquent behavior among children and youth, the Council was told by Dr. Otto H. Dagefoerde, acting head of its Division of Welfare.

"Teamwork between the home, the church, the school, community welfare resources and other groups is essential," he declared. More than 400,000 children were brought into juvenile courts in 1953, he said, an increase of 13 per cent in a year. While this total is small compared with the child population, "the percentage of increase shows a weakness in our social structure which challenges every citizen."

Each year about 30 million Americans —about one person in every five—go into



REPORTS ON STUDENT WORK
Dr. Donald Heiges

a hospital for some treatment. A proportionate number of these are Lutherans. To minister effectively to them, NLC churches need expanded chaplaincy services, Dr. Dagefoerde said.

At present more than 1,000 full-time and volunteer Lutheran chaplains work in various institutions, including hospitals and prisons, under NLC supervision. Not only chaplains, but more qualified social workers are needed to serve the aged and the increasing numbers of emotionally disturbed children.

College Professors Need Spiritual Help

The total ministry of the church at colleges and universities must reach faculty members as well as students of all denominations, the Council heard from Dr. Donald R. Heiges, head of the Division of Student Service.

In the ten years since the student work was undertaken by the NLC efforts have been made to provide pastoral care, instruction, and training for evangelism on the campus. This has been done through provision of new preaching points and student centers, by organizing discussion groups, and by credit and non-credit courses in religion at non-denominational colleges and universities.

"A steadily increasing number of students for the Lutheran ministry is coming from private and public institutions of higher learning" rather than from church colleges, Dr. Heiges reported. "In another 10 or 15 years 50 per cent of the students in Lutheran theological schools will have come out of non-Lutheran colleges and universities," he predicted, adding that one seminary has already gone over this 50 per cent mark.

A total of 525 pastors and counsellors are now engaged in Lutheran student work, Dr. Heiges said. Of these 49 are full-time workers on the division's staff. About $2 million has been invested since 1947 in the building of student centers on non-Lutheran campuses.

Newest development has been the increase of college courses in religion. The division's workers now teach credit courses at eight institutions and non-credit courses at 26 others.

Churches Reach Negroes, Migrants

RACIAL MINORITIES are now being reached through established congregations, reported Dr. H. Conrad Hoyer, head of the Division of American Missions. People of minority groups are being welcomed into the fellowship of congregations on the same basis as any other people.

Special congregations for American Indians, orientals, or Negroes are a of the past, he said. "Dramatic has been the progress of the pa years. Dozens of Lutheran churc all parts of America have Negro bers. Dozens of others are ready ceive them and many others have s an educational process to prepare people for the day."

Heavy migration of Negroes t cities and rapid change of populat many city areas has forced congreg to let down racial barriers, Dr. reported. An increasing number o ish members has also been noted.

More than half the Lutherans of bodies live in rural areas—commu of less than 5,000 people. Althou rural population of the country clining, church membership in thes gregations has held its own due creased evangelism programs and h ened interest in the church. A pr of urban church planning is also rently being developed by the divisi

Although booming defense com ties are now well-enough estab so that emergency work can be d ished, new "booms" are calling fo continued ministry of the church. nium mining, for example, has br into being overnight communitie places like northern Minnesota. T churches are being moved to such areas and work will be continued as as the need exists, Dr. Hoyer as the NLC.

Prospects Are Good in Latin America

EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANITY will an increasingly influential part in the itual growth of people in South Am as their economic and social condi improve, stated Dr. Stewart W. Her

of the Division of Lutheran Co-ion in Latin America.

th America is developing with "in-le rapidity," said Dr. Herman, ng out that "its birth rate is the t in the world and the population obably double in another century."

Lutheran Church in Latin ca is "especially favored," he said, e it is numerically strong, repre-750,000 of the continent's 4 mil-rotestants, and because its "total ership cuts across cultural and eco-barriers in a remarkable way."

new Lutheran Seminary in Buenos Argentina, is scheduled to open in It will help provide Spanish-speak-stors to minister to the younger ans who will grow up on that con-

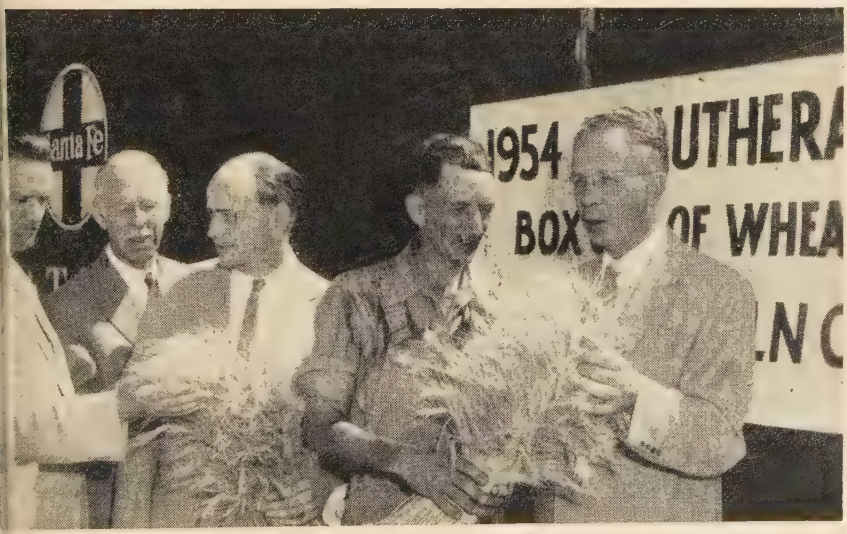
Ministry to refugees and scat-utherans is conducted in Vene-Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, na, Brazil, Mexico and Central a. Established Lutheran churches Brazil and Argentina.

Success of LWA Appeal Assures Continued Work

In its 14th annual appeal, Lutheran World Action in 1954 raised more than 109 per cent of its goal of $2.6 million. Receipts totaled $2,835,218, Dr. Empie announced.

Funds raised will be devoted to inter-church aid in Europe, refugee resettlement in the U.S., service to refugees in other parts of the world, orphaned missions, Lutheran World Relief, ministry to the armed forces, and Latin American missions. A large part of the funds will be administered through the Lutheran World Federation.

Need for refugee resettlement work remains great, Dr. Cordelia Cox declared. She is director of the refugee service. Present plans call for the resettlement of about 250 Lutheran families in the U.S. in 1955, she said. Pointing out that there are still "hundreds of thousands of Lutheran refugees" in Europe,



GIFTS BY THE TRAINLOAD HAVE GONE OVERSEAS

od appeal in 1954 produced big bulk shipments of vitally needed wheat

results of the present resettlement projects are "not impressive," she stated. There is, however, hope that the government will speed up the program during 1955.

Chaplains in the armed forces are doing a good job, the Council was told. Each of the men and women on active duty in the armed forces received the church's ministry in some way about 30 times during the past year. The quota of Lutheran chaplains in the armed forces is at present filled, with 775 serving. Of these, 550 come from NLC bodies and 225 from the Missouri Synod.

SINCE MILITARY SERVICE for youth seems to be in prospect for a long duration, churches must continue to prepare youth for the moral dangers of military life, urged Dr. Carl F. Yaeger of the Bureau of Service to Military Personnel. Currently 22 parish centers and 15 service centers are maintained to serve young people in areas of concentration of military personnel. Last year these establishments were visited by a total of 276,809 men and women of the armed ser

Moral problems exist not only but also overseas. Since American t will be deployed in many areas for to come, the churches must recogni moral problems involved. In West many, some "sin cities" near Am military installations have caused problems. In some Japanese towns U.S. camps, one-third of the inhab are registered prostitutes. Such situ have a serious effect not only on A can youth in the armed forces, b American morale as a whole, Dr. Y warned.

Orphaned missions still require $1 million annually from America therans, the Council was told. W Jordan, Ethiopia, Borneo, Indonesi elsewhere is still suported by fund vided through LWA. Relief supplie still play an important part in world areas, said Bernard A. C LWR director. Food, clothing and cines are needed by thousands in like Korea and by refugees in E and in the Middle East.

MAN MUST RETURN TO RELIGION OR WORSHIP HIMSELF

MIDWAY THROUGH the twentieth century of the Christian era it was already evident that the choice before Western Man was, not whether he was to be religious or irreligious, but whether his spiritual allegiance was to be given to this religion or to that; and in a scientific-minded society this choice between competing religions was limited virtually to two alternatives. A twentieth-century Western World might either return to a Christian worship of the God who is Love as well as Power, or it might succumb to a Narcissan worship of Man's own hypnotizing image.

—ARNOLD TOYNBEE in *A Study of History* (Vol. 9), Oxford Press

TO ASSAIL THE CHANGES that have unmoored us from the past is futile, and, in a deep sense, I think it is wicked . . . This cannot be an easy life. We shall have a rough time of it to keep our minds open, and to keep them deep . . . in a great, open, windy world. But this is, as I see it, the condition of man; and in this condition we can help because we can love one another.

—J. ROBERT OPPENHEIMER

OTEL WITH A MISSION

ETTY LAWRENCE

A lively old couple in a Pennsylvania town love their church and live with enjoyment of the many days God has given them

ROM THE CHOIR LOFT at First Lu-an Church in Venango, Pennsylvania, unday mornings, I can look directly is the church to Jack and Barbara s' favorite pew. It is seldom empty. lly it is filled, end to end, with motel s from the Evans' modest court on e 19.

k and Barbara are both old—'way n their lively seventies. You simply d not guess, looking at the delicate of age enveloping these two, that last November Jack fished Barbara f ten feet of icy French Creek water which she had fallen head first!

never mind me," she spluttered as nung on to the sturdy tree roots ng to the bank. "Save my new

R IRATE HUSBAND says he was ed to—well, he had to control lf and remember how very much ked to fish. He found her reel for

continued spluttering as her fran-ildren bundled her off to bed and ously counted every sneeze during ext few days. Doctor Jack came g over from Cleveland to check on loved "Gram."

as downright disgusting, grumbles a. Can't even let a person enjoy . . .

PROPER ORDER, Barbara and Jack eir church, their motel and fishing. re my pattern for growing old. n are the despair of their children. Jack won't "take it easy" and Barbara gets too enthusiastic when she gets a "nibble." Both are the despair of their two doctor grandsons. For them—this is growing old and loving it!

My own family came into the church via the Evans' Motel. I remember the Sunday we sat in their pew. Compelled by habit of long standing, Jack kept showing us the place in the hymnbook during the liturgical service. As Lutherans, we knew the place, but it was heart-warming to be so well looked out for.

We had stayed in other motels. Little printed cards invited us to attend local church services. Never before had we been taken to church in person.

City-born and bred, like the Evans, we, too, decided to move to the "country." My husband found the small-town hardware store he was looking for. Before getting too enthused we inquired about the nearest Lutheran church.

"Right here in town."

This bit of news was a plum, since many times in our investigation of a community we liked everything about it —except that there was no Lutheran church within miles. We have no quarrel with other denominations—we visit and enjoy them often—but if it is possible we want to stay Lutheran.

Well, we stayed overnight at Evans' Motel. This was no advertised, approved member of a nation-wide motel chain. There was no decorating scheme where ashtrays match rugs. But there were Jack and Barbara, wanting to know "would

you care to attend church with us tomorrow morning?"

Several years ago they celebrated their golden wedding. The family was assembled on the lawn. The blue spruce trees were at their loveliest. The church ladies had on their fanciest serving aprons. Pastor Baker was ready to "remarry" these two beloved members of his flock. But Jack and Barbara were not to be found!

The sons and daughters, used to their nonconforming parents, paled with fright. The two doctors thought dire thoughts of stroke brought on by excit ment and looked to their handy M. bags.

Timed perfectly, a slow, hard sma of horseshoes on concrete highway w heard, and Jack and Barbara came in view, riding in an old-fashioned bugg In this same way had they gone to t church to be married fifty years befo They had carefully planned this surpri entry with a neighboring farmer frien Those fun-loving Evans think bei seventy-plus is no excuse for nursing t doldrums.

Mothers Are Always Important

By RACHEL CONRAD WAHLBERG

Among all the pressing tasks that crowd the day, paren must realize that their major job is to provide love and he

It was bedtime for the boys. Our three-year-old needed help with his buttons and shoes, so I helped him. David, who is five, can dress himself, so I said in a voice as tired as my body, "You hurry up and get your pajamas on; I don't need to help you."

Taking a minute to hasten matters by putting the toothpaste on their toothbrushes, I rushed back to the work I hadn't wanted to leave. "Hop into bed, boys. I'll come sing a song or two with you in a few minutes."

Just as I sat down at the typewriter David approached. "Mama," he spoke slowly, his tone lacking his usual assurance, "help me even if I don't need help." I drew a deep breath and grabbed his slim body to me. "Sure, honey." With tears in my eyes I unbuttoned his shirt and helped him into his pajamas.

Natural, isn't it, to rush an old child into maturity, into self-sufficienc Especially when two smaller ones d mand so much attention? Especial when one wants to pursue a few interes oneself? But, like Martha, my busyne could set my life out of focus. I cou miss out on my greatest mission, my op portunity for greatest influence—th *rapport* only a mother or father ma have with a child. "Forbid them not" t come unto their parents—for love, fo help.

Recently a friend told me her twenty month-old son seems to be resentful c tiny infants. "He clings to us when smaller baby is around. Not long ago w decided that we were babying him to much so now we tell him he's a big boy But he only shakes his head and say 'Me baby!' "

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE
Time spent with children is major requirement for parents

I agreed, "He is a baby. You changed our attitude and tactics and expect him to fall in with it. He wants the attention you gave him as a baby. At twenty months he still is one."

And my son at five is little more than that, still utterly dependent on his parents for love and security. What if the child has learned certain mechanical abilities, to feed himself, to put on his clothes and pick up his toys! Should these skills graduate him from the love and attention the parent had combined with them?

I must expect David's gradual gaining in independence, but he should be shown in extra ways that he is as important to me as his brother or baby sister. I lean on him already to help me in the kitchen, to go see if the baby has kicked her cover off. But affectionate attention must accompany my reliance on him. This child, who is remarkably unjealous, could easily develop resentment if the love and time spent with all three children is not fairly proportioned.

Is writing a letter so important? Or doing that stack of ironing? Not when my little ones need to feel that I love them. Some day I may want this son to need me and then he will not come to me because I have urged him too soon to use his own wings, and denied him my presence and advice.

My heavenly Father is near me at all times and doesn't shunt me away if I consult him in a matter which I should be able to manage myself. Likewise I dare not make myself unavailable to my child's need, whether it is one of comfort, companionship, inspiration, or merely to share his joy in some small thing.

I have a new prayer now, which seems to me to be particularly appropriate for these all-too-busy days when a thousand small chores always clamor for attention. "Let my sense of values as a mother grow into the right perspective," I pray. "Lord, help me even if I don't need help in my own eyes, for then I probably need your guidance most."

Toronto Amendments Were Approved At Pacific Southwest Synod Convention

By HOWARD L. LOGAN

Westerners reported 272 per cent gain in membership in 10 y

Hawaii sent laymen as convention delegates for the first

FIRST UNITED LUTHERAN synod to act on amendments of the church constitution proposed by the Toronto convention was Pacific Southwest, meeting in St. Michael's Church, Berkeley, California, Jan. 24-27. The synod approved all the amendments.

The Toronto convention last October adopted 15 constitutional amendments based on recommendations of a Commission on Organizational Structure. Amendments provide new definitions of the work of the ULC Executive Board, officers of the church, and the relations of the church's boards to one another. They will not go into effect until ratified by 22 of the church's 32 synods. The Pacific Southwest Synod was the first to meet since the Toronto convention.

NEXT YEAR, for the first time, the Pacific Southwest Synod will meet in May. Until a few years ago a half-dozen synods held their annual conventions before Easter. Pacific Southwest is the last to change to a post-Easter date.

TWENTY PASTORS were received, coming from all sections of the United States. Among those graduated from seminary last spring were men who decided to enter the ministry after experience in the following professions: criminology, journalism, engineering, history, physics.

One had not been in a Lutheran church before 1944, when he visited a Lutheran service center in Seattle. After the he returned home to Sacramento received instruction and baptism the Rev. Robert Romeis. He then to college and the seminary.

Paul Nokamura was approved fo dination, and will work among A cans of Japanese ancestry along the Coast. He will share in this ministry Dr. L. S. G. Miller. Mr. Nokamura graduated from Augustana Semina Rock Island, and has been called b ULC Board of American Missions.

Largest increase in communicant bership in the synod had come in it was reported. There had been per cent gain in 1953. The 1954 inc was 13.7 per cent, bringing the to 22,482. Seven new congregations organized since the 1954 conve Total is now 95.

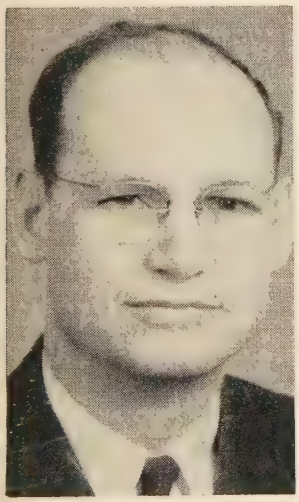
A TEN-YEAR comparison of synod tistics is:

	1944	1
Baptized members	12,347	4
Confirmed	8,518	2
Communing	5,212	2
Congregations	41	
Apportionment paid	$30,709	$23

Average size of congregations o synod is 237 communing members. centage of communing to confi membership is 75.9 (United Luth Church average is 71.3).

FFICERS ELECTED are the Rev. Milus ter, second vice president; the Rev. G. Simmons, secretary; Mr. Carl treasurer. President Carl V. Tam- elected in 1954, conducted the d convention for the first time. The Vernon Kotter was convention lain. Dr. Harry Mumm of the Pa- Seminary faculty led Bible study in pistle to the Colossians.

e convention recessed for part of morning to see a new movie, *Day of Triumph*, produced by Cathedral Films. role of Martha in this fine picture,



REPRESENTED ULC
Chester A. Myrom

o be released in theaters through- e country, is played by a member ULC congregation in LaCanada. Chester Myrom represented the Lutheran Church Executive at the convention. This layman, ber of the staff of the ULC stew- department, gave an unusually e presentation of the church's cur- ogram.

convention gave much attention gelism.

the first time lay delegates came from the Hawaiian Islands. One delegate from Lihue and another from Honolulu were present to add color and remind us of the expanse of synod.

TWO MATTERS took most of the synod's time. Three appeals for funds came from the executive committee in a so-called package deal. The California Home for Aged asked for $125,000. Midland College was in the package for $100,000, and $27,400 was requested for new student facilities in synod. These funds were to be received during 1956-58.

The Midland College funds came in for the most discussion. It appeared that delegates wanted more information about Midland's needs and an opportunity to look at needs of institutions nearer home. Final action awarded $74,000 to the home, $20,000 to Midland, and $2,000 for student facilities. The 1956 convention will make provision for the following years.

The other debated question was the camping program. The synod has been conducting Camp Yolijwa in southern California. To this camp came only a few from Arizona and northern California, where ULCA churches support NLC camping programs. Funds for the new Camp Yolijwa were not coming in as rapidly as had been hoped. The camp, operated under the Lutheran Leadership Corporation of synod, will in 1956 become a Southern Conference camp. All synod camping will go on a conference basis. The Leadership Corporation originally set up to do an over-all task in parish education found itself in conflict with synod's committee on parish education. A study will be made of the functions of both units, with a report next year. The executive committee was instructed to bring in a 1956 budget which includes funds for the office of a director of religious education.

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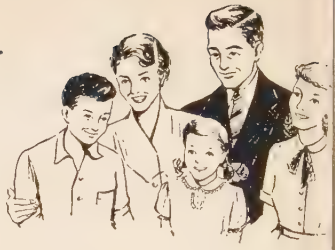


KAREN STEPS OUT

I WAS WORKING on bootees for the layette the women are sending to Lutheran World Relief when I became aware of a pajama-clad figure watching from the stairs. "Susie," I reproved, "you should have been asleep long ago."

"I feel funny." Taking courage from my smile, she pranced over to stand by my chair.

A quick hand on her forehead showed she was cool as a pebble from the brook. "Stick out your tongue and say, 'Ah.'" A perfectly normal pink. Putting the bootees aside, I gathered her up.

I STILL HAVE to remind myself that a child who runs to parents for comfort when there is no physical cause is not necessarily spoiled. Poor Karen! For years I resisted my natural impulse to hold her close and often let her sob herself to sleep because I thought that was what I ought to do. I've made it up to her since, I think, but I still feel a little guilty when I ignore the rules.

Susie's head found a comfortable hollow on my shoulder. "Isn't Karen coming home soon?"

"Daddy has gone to get her. They should be here before too long." I began to see the direction of Susie's thoughts. Karen had gone to her first regular boy-and-girl party at Barbara Lightman's this evening. There had been a party at school earlier in the year to which the whole junior high was invited, but this was different. Barbara had picked out a few of her friends—girls, that is—to help her decide on the final guest list.

Such excitement! Would the boy girl "liked" deign to come? The that the boys' only interest in the a was the food didn't seem to daunt th Neither did the fact that they are about a head taller than the heroe their dreams—though they did de to have no dancing, as they knew boys just wouldn't unless Barb mother made them and she refuse accept that responsibility.

SUSIE HAS BEEN an interested l stander ever since Karen and Bar decided they could trust her no "blab." Nevertheless, I hadn't rea quite how keyed up she was by al excitement. She was waiting for K as eagerly as any anxious mother awaited her daughter's return from important social event.

"Seems she's been gone an awful time."

"Well, it would take a long time if they did nothing but eat all the the girls thought they had to hav get the boys to come."

"Think she'll bring me anything?"

"I wouldn't count on it. Even the that age have good appetites. I ima those youngsters will clean off the t like locusts."

"What are locusts?"

AS I TRIED to explain, I thought blessed we are that she doesn't know stories I told her about our pioneers about the plague of locusts in the l were only fairy tales to her. I could

tenseness draining out of her as I
ed.
uddenly she bounced upright on my
"Are we going to have a baby?"
A baby? What gave you that idea?"
But are we?"
No, we aren't. Disappointed?"
guess not. It would be fun to tell
kids at school, though. They do it at
w and tell.' Would you be mad if
I?"
Not if it was true."
Freddy's mother was. But you don't
nad very much, do you?"

I FELT AS THOUGH someone had given
the Congressional Medal! With
ers or bars or what-not! The num-
of times I've swallowed my anger or
d myself out of it. But here was my
rd in Susie's estimate of me. Oh,
rrow I might have to thwart her in
thing and I'd be a mean old mother.
hat would be her own anger talk-
This, I hoped, was what she really
ht.
en I laughed at my own pride. I've
ss and less the surge of anger since
ped thinking I had to run so many
and placed myself more in God's
. Instead of thinking I had to fig-
it everything and do everything just
ve been more content to do my
nd leave the outcome to him. It's
e like being executive vice presi-
nstead of president of your own

e patted the bootees. "Who are
for, if they aren't for our baby?"
ey are for some baby whose
r can't get bootees for him. Per-
ie doesn't even have a mother or
n family to love him. We don't
who he is, but he is one of Jesus'
n and for Jesus' sake we love

ere is he?"

"I don't know that, either. He may be in western Germany where his mother is running away from the Communists. Maybe he's in Palestine, where his family have had to leave their home. Maybe he's in Korea. There are such a lot of places he might be."

"You'd better get busy and make a lot."

"Then you'd better get back to bed so I can knit. I can't knit with my lap full of girl very well." She laughed and slid down from my knees. At the foot of the stairs she hesitated.

"Will you come tuck me in?" she asked. "Then you can come right down again."

"Come along and be my baby, then. If Karen is going to get all grown-up and go out with boys, I'll have to find a baby, I guess." I hate "smother love" as much as the next person, but shoving Susie aside would not be the best way to make her stand on her own feet. Children are not birds, and pushing them out of the nest is not always the best way to make them fly. Sometimes they need support in a new situation and apparently seeing Karen in a new light means a new situation for Susie.

WHEN I HAD TUCKED Susie in and kissed her gently, I returned to the living-room. As my fingers flew, so did my thoughts. How could I know that I was seeing my children clearly?

All mothers, or nearly all, want to do what is best. Yet they don't all succeed. Donna Matteo is beginning to show signs of the sensitiveness her mother has always attributed to her. She is beginning to believe the other children are unkind, just as her mother has always claimed they were. Perhaps—

Tires crunched on the snow. The car door banged. "Mother! It was fun! It was a success!"

A CHRISTIAN DICTIONARY

"TESTAMENT"

IT IS DIFFICULT to recognize the extent of God's activity in shaping our destinies, because he moves in ways often mysterious to us and because he often uses other people to act for him. Certainly the Hebrews believed that it was the hand of God alone that led them from Abraham's wanderings, through the captivity in Egypt, to a rendezvous with God at the mountain called Sinai. There is no other way to explain their amazing history.

God had taken care of them and done these things for them because he had made a covenant with Abraham, promising him a land and a nation from his offspring. God kept his promise. At Mount Sinai they were prepared, with Moses acting as intermediary, to renew the old Testament made between God and their fathers and to add to it the LAW.

Exodus 19:1-8 takes up the story. God reminds the Israelites what he has done for them, asks them to keep his covenant with them, and he will make them his own people. The people reply, "Whatever the Lord says, we will do."

THE PEOPLE AGREED to follow God's commandments. They desired to enter anew into the covenant relationship with God. They promised to follow the laws God had given them.

In return for this, God will continue to be their God and they will be his people, blessed among the peoples of the earth. An altar was built, the blood of sacrificial oxen was dashed upon one half of the altar—representing God's signature to the covenant. The remainder of the blood was poured over the other half of the altar—representing the p ple's signatures. It was a blood cc nant. It was binding. The covenant been renewed. The law had been ad to it (Exodus 24:3-8).

Primitive peoples have always con ered an agreement in blood to be most sacred kind. The usual custom for two people entering such an ag ment to cut their wrists and cross th over each other letting the blood r thus making them "of one blood." ceremony that Moses performed wa sort of religious adaptation.

THE LAWS WERE ADDED to the cc nant partly because so many peo wandering through a wilderness facing many problems, needed laws. there was a more basic reason for add the laws to the covenant, and that this: It was hoped that obedience to l would bring the people into a right lationship with God, make them ri eous, acceptable to God.

God would consider them to be people if they followed his comma ments. To the extent that they obe he would bless them (Deuteronomy 1-14). However if they disobeyed, C would curse them (Deuteronomy 28: 20 and following). From time to t new laws were added to the original c as the need for them arose but all came part of the covenant (Deuteronc 29:1).

Thus was established the agreem which began with Abraham and wh many Jews believe still continues to in some form. We Christians call it Old Testament, and from it the first of the scriptures receives its name.

LAWS ARE GOOD for certain thi Many are necessary to keep society r ning smoothly. Laws are useful a measurement, as a yardstick aga which we can measure ourselves ethica

ws also make good pointers, indicating direction our activities should or uld not take.

But laws cannot make people right- s. Two reasons: 1) no set of laws yet been devised that is perfect and, people are inherently sinful, cannot up to a good system of laws.

The laws of the Old Covenant, how- r useful they may have been, failed heir ultimate objective. They did not ce people right in the eyes of God. at was even more devastating, the Covenant became a death-trap, for er its terms God HAD TO PUNISH those failed to obey. All failed.

he Hebrews expanded their frontiers their power until the times of David Solomon. This was their pinnacle of onal success. The promise made to aham was fulfilled.

ut from the beginning of the cove- made through Moses, though the of the Covenant was carried with n, the laws were not in the people's ts. They were only on tablets of e and pieces of parchment. The Law broken—again and again. The nists cry out to God for mercy. The hets begin to realize that the Law ot the answer. It leads only to in- ble destruction. A new covenant is ed.

ad Jeremiah 31:27-34. This new nant or testament will be different the old one, "that covenant of mine they broke, so that I had to reject " The law will be in people's hearts. igion of motivation and attitudes, a of life that comes from within!

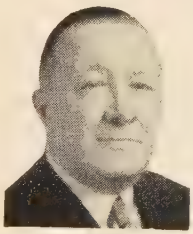
US BROUGHT MANKIND the New ment. His blood, shed for all, ht the covenant into effect. As the of the oxen represented the signa- of God and man in the covenant Moses, so did Jesus' blood repre- sent the signatures of both God and man for the covenant he gave us.

A testament takes effect when the person who made it dies. In a similar manner, Jesus' death ended the Old Testament and ushered in the New.

At the Last Supper, Jesus took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins." The New Covenant does not say that God must regard or punish the people who are trying to live righteous lives. It allows for forgiveness, without payment, without price. The price has been paid.

We who believe and have been baptized stand in this New Covenant relationship with God. We are justified by our faith and are not under the works of the law. Through the grace of God we shall be saved.

—PHILIP R. HOH



PERSONAL PROBLEM CLINIC

By EARL S. RUDISILL

Jealousy

QUESTION: I am a sophomore in a small high school. There are about sixty-five girls. I want to ask one question, Why can't girls get along?

During my school years I have been active in athletics and music. I was chosen as all-around girl this year. But I'd just as soon not get any recognition, for as soon as it happens you have almost everyone jealous of you.

The girls have been fighting all year.

I think it takes a lot to hurt me, but I've been hurt many times this year. I have tried not to hurt anyone. But at times I could do nothing else than come home and cry to my mother. She has advised me to let them go. That is hard. I've tried it, but with little success. After so many occasions like this, what can I do?

The girls are divided. If you are with one side, the other group don't like it, and vice versa. What can be done to bring all together? How can we get along together without having someone hurt all the time?

REPLY: It is generally best to ignore expressions of jealousy, and show the jealous person all the courtesy and kindness you can. It is a practical thing to do, for it takes the wind out of the sails of the envious one. Never utter any antagonistic word to jealous people. By your show of kindness they will probably come to feel their smallness and wrongness—let them find that out themselves.

If the situation gets too bad, go to your principal and lay the problem before him. It is possible that he and the faculty can do something. But, no matter what is done, continue to show these people courtesy.

The principal may be able to schedule an assembly address by some attractive outside speaker on magnanimity, generosity, and tolerance, with a discussion period to follow. Or he may, along with the faculty, have more projects which involve every one and thus encourage joint effort. A big effort to help some appealing cause would probably divert attention from matters over which students bicker.

Afraid of darkness

QUESTION: Paul is afraid of darkness. He won't go into a dark room even to get something he is eager to have. night he demands a light as long as awake, or that one of us remain with I have tried to break this up by methods—it seems so foolish—bu hasn't worked. It appears so unnece to leave a lamp burning or to stay the child until he is asleep.

REPLY: Fear of darkness is a mon experience with many childr and with some grown-ups. It is n inborn fear. It is acquired, and a out of experiences of one sort o other.

While the dread of darkness de from experience it may be diffic put a finger on the exact event or dition which inspired it. Grow are generally the causes of these givings. Such emotions on the pa parents or other adults are readily municated to children and they hard to dislodge. Forcible endu of darkness does not help a chil is likely to render the problem w

Statements of older people an threat of a dark room as punish are among the potent causes. small child I was unafraid of dar and would venture some distance the house in darkness to find article or toy. But I later acquir dread of darkness from grown Any show of fear by older pers passed right on to a child.

We need to share a youngster' perience in darkness. A game of ing a ball or other article in a room may help. We may explain at night there is nothing around v is not there in daylight. But we'll to remember that while a child be convinced, his feelings may re unchanged. It is good to leave a burning or to furnish company as as needed, and to exercise patien

OOKS
to read in Lent

WENTY-SIX BOOKS of the past year e selected by Methodist Bishop Ger- Kennedy as the Protestant Lenten for 1955. The list will be published week in newspapers and magazines. y libraries will display these books special shelf.

he books are not "Lenten reading" ne sense that they are all concerned our Lord's trial and crucifixion. are a careful selection of simply en books on many subjects which ld be of interest to Christians. Lent e time when each church member ld set aside time for one or more s which will help him develop his wledge and understanding of Chris- faith and the church's problems.

ese books may be secured at li- es or may be ordered from the d Lutheran Publication House 8 Spruce St., Philadelphia 7, Pa., branch stores).

E BOOK THAT IS ALIVE, by John Pater- The unusual feature of this book is while it deals mainly with the Wisdom ture of the Old Testament, it brings hole Bible to life. It is a worthy study e true and lively Word of God. er's, 1954, $3.50.

RISTIAN DEVIATIONS, by Horton Davies. ou ever hard put to say just why Chris- cience, Mormonism, or Moral Re- ment are not quite inside the orthodox This book states clearly and charitably ssues separate these and other groups traditional Christianity. Philosophical y, 1954, $3.75.

ED OF OUR HOPE, by Merrill R. . Creeds are not very exciting until ne describes the living issues involved ir propositions. This is one of the helpful and hopeful books on The es' Creed which has appeared in many a moon. Brief, realistic, vital! Abingdon, 1954, $1.75.

THE CROSS IS THE KEY, by Clifford A. Nelson. We cannot be brought back to the Cross too often. It is the center of our faith and the light on our way. The sermons begin with these assumptions and give a sense of solidity. They are particularly appropriate for Lent. Augustana, 1954. $2.50.

THE DARKNESS, by Evan John. Of the many writers who feel called to write a novel about Jesus, not many are chosen. One of the few is Evan John who tells a fresh and convincing story through letters, reports of an investigating committee, and files of the secret police. Putnam, 1954, $3.50.

THE DILEMMA OF CHURCH AND STATE, by G. Elson Ruff. Packed into a small compass, the book deals with a big subject in a sharp, pointed manner. The problem is perennial and the solutions must be tentative. But if you are seeking the basic assumptions of our Faith in this field, they are here. Muhlenberg, 1954, $1.50.

EACH ONE TEACH ONE: FRANK LAUBACH, by Marjorie Medary. Everyone ought to know something about Frank Laubach and his crusade for literacy. In sheer daring and Christian vision, it is one of the great movements of the church. Take a look at what Christ made one Christian see and do. Longmans, 1954, $3.00.

THE EARLY EVANGELICALS, by L. E. Elliott-Binns. One of the best church history surveys I have ever read. There is nothing academic or dull here, but the life of men and movements. Consider your heritage and rejoice! Seabury, 1954, $6.50.

FROM A CHRISTIAN GHETTO, by Geddes MacGregor. Comparisons are odious, but this reminds me of *Screwtape Letters*. The time is the 25th century and the Christians are once again a despised minority. Ah, what spirit, and what insights! Incidentally, what judgments on our feeble faith! Longmans, 1954, $2.00.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK AND ITS MEANING FOR TODAY, by E. T. Thompson. To clarify, educate and inspire all in one

volume, is no mean accomplishment. Because this book did all of this for at least one reader, he dares to hope it will do the same things for others. Knox, 1954, $2.95.

Horns and Halos in Human Nature, by J. Wallace Hamilton. The Parable of the Prodigal Son is the framework for these contemporary and stimulating sermons. While they expand an ancient theme and begin with one of the most familiar stories in the world, they reflect the directness and simplicity of the original. Revell, 1954, $2.50.

If God Be for Us, by Robert E. Luccock. What are the gifts of the Spirit? How are they appropriated by a Christian? If you are interested in answers to these questions, here is a book for you. The worthy son of a great father carries his bright lamp through our dark streets. Harper, 1954, $2.50.

Immortality: the Scientific Evidence, by Alson J. Smith. The majority of people have no idea of the scientific attempts being made to explore spiritual phenomena. I am not sure that the evidence presented here will be convincing, but it is good to know it is being sought. Prentice-Hall, 1954, $3.00.

The Inspirational Reader, William Oliver Stevens, ed. The Bible's word is not always easy to come by, especially for those who do not know the Book very well. This gives the great passages under subject headings and will prove to be "a very present help in trouble." Doubleday, 1954, $3.50.

The Journey, by Lillian Smith. Now and again a person writes about personal experiences and observations in such a way that it calms the spirit. As if this were not enough, this book deepens faith in people and is like a quiet walk with a good friend. World, 1954, $3.50.

A Journey Into Faith, by Thomas S. Kepler. A time of tension demands the ability to change our pace. Books of devotional readings are designed to perform this service for us. This one is stimulating to both heart and mind; it is spiritual without being sentimental. Abingdon, 1954, $2.50.

Man and God in the City, by Kenneth D. Miller. A man with long experience as a city missionary, writes of the problems a the opportunities faced by city church It has the authentic touch of experien and the optimism of one who believes th is an answer. Friendship, 1954, $2.00.

The Measure of Man, by Joseph Wo Krutch. I call this the book of the year a one of the great books of the generati In the midst of the obscurity of fatalis here is freedom's light. It made me w to shout and cheer for man's mighty he age. Bobbs-Merrill, 1954, $3.50.

Roadblocks to Faith, by James A. Pi and John M. Krumm. Christianity has answer skepticism and this is one of the b sets of answers to contemporary doubt have seen. There is no knocking over straw men, but honest facing of tough qu tions without pretense or bombast. Mo house-Gorham, 1954, $2.25.

The Salty Tang, by Frederick B. Spe man. The title describes the sermons—th have a salty flavor. Here is one of th books with enough turns of expression sharp observations to keep the reader a and eagerly watching for the next surpri Revell, 1954, $2.00.

She Did Take It With Her, by Dud Zuver. Call it an existential biography! if you prefer, forget the big word and philosophical jargon. It is the story of real person and a great Christian—the ki of life that strengthens faith and brings terrible judgment of sincerity on our sha Harper, 1954, $2.75.

Smoke on the Mountain, by Joy Davi man. You may think there are no furth insights into the Ten Commandments. He is a book to prove you are wrong. Let rejoice that a fresh imagination finds t Commandments inexhaustible, and full new meaning. Westminster, 1954, $2.50.

A Symphony of the Christian Year, Randolph Crump Miller. Besides the tra tional church year, we have here a nc traditional set of Sundays like Race Re tions Sunday, Youth Sunday, Layman's Su day. Besides brief, plain sermons, present

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OVERSEAS

rmans to Visit Czech Churches

ERMANY: **Frankfurt. Jan. 24.**—The ngelical Church in Germany (EKID) an invitation from the churches of choslovakia to send a delegation for an ial visit in March. The council of the D decided to accept. It will name the gates during a conference in Hannover ebruary.

urchmen of Czechoslovakia have writ- letter to Christians in Germany against German rearmament "which could to another war." It is signed by Bishop Chabada and Prof. Josef Hromadka. ankfurt Pastor Martin Niemoeller said there are plans to invite delegates of ussian Orthodox Church for a visit in Germany. Twice since the war a Ger- church delegation visited Russia. The me Germans were invited by the patri- of Moscow was in June 1954. Arch- Alexander, head of the Orthodox es in Germany, protested against vis- Russian churchmen to Germany.

E AND LOCATION of the next German entag" have been decided. We will ve a "Kirchentag" in 1955. The next held in Frankfurt in August 1956. ecision, made by the president, Dr. hadden-Triglaff, was because there t yet been one of these meetings in est Germany. Furthermore, Frank- one of our busiest centers.

new bishops were elected in Ger- within recent weeks. After the death hop Schewen of the Pomeranian the former General Superintendent h Krummacher became the new His diocese is small, since most Pomerania became Polish after the Hamburg, former Bishop Simon retired after long service in the nd was succeeded by Dr. Theodor Though already 70 years old, the hop is very active.

well known as a Luther scholar ice president of the Luther Society. In the new theological faculty in Hamburg he is still a professor. His special interest is public relations. The next bishop to retire will be Dr. Muller of Magdeburg, who heads the church province of Saxony. Bishop Hans Meiser of Bavaria has announced that he will retire in May. He is 73 years old and has been bishop for 22 years. Now he wants to make room for a younger man. Bishop Meiser is now head of the Lutheran Bishop's Conference.

INTEREST IN EVANSTON and the ecumenical movement is still growing in Germany. The 70 German participants of the second Assembly are constantly busy with speeches on the conference, and many study groups are working with the questions and results of Evanston. It became necessary to publish a third printing of the Evanston documents which Dr. Focko Lupsen in Bethel edited. This volume contains the message, the reports of the main theme and the sections, as well as the speeches of the plenary sessions and the speech of President Eisenhower.

The new German hymnal has now appeared for the first time in Braille. This hymnal, finished in 1950 by a committee headed by Prof. Christhaud Mahrenholz, is being introduced in most German synods with much success.

NEXT OFFICIAL opportunity for cultural exchange between churches of both parts of Germany will be next June, when the annual Bach Festival will be held in Leipzig. Every second year this music week is held in Leipzig, the home of Johann Sebastian Bach. President of the Bach Society which arranges these festivals is Prof. Mahrenholz.

In Wilhelmshaven, West German seaport, two boys of 13 years founded a "federation of the poor" which has now 15 members. In a district of mostly poor people they put a mail box, called "box of sorrows" in which they collect letters of old, poor, and sick people. In their spare time they try to meet human need by bringing coal, buying groceries, and being company to lonesome persons. —REINHARD GROSCURTH

INDIANA

Two Missions Are Planned

By ROBERT H. HEINE

INDIANAPOLIS—Two Indiana communities have been approved by the Board of American Missions for the development of new congregations. New Haven, five miles east of Fort Wayne, was surveyed by pastors and laymen from Fort Wayne. Pastors of the area plan to begin services in New Haven Feb. 20, even before the arrival of a mission developer.

For the past year services have been conducted in Lebanon, Indiana, by students of Hamma Divinity School. The field has shown sufficient progress to warrant the assignment of a mission developer.

FORTY-SEVEN PASTORS of the ULCA, American Lutheran Church, and the Missouri Synod met at Trinity Church, Fort Wayne, on Jan. 31 to discuss the meaning of "The Word of God." Guest lecturer was Dr. Richard R. Caemmerer of the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The group took action to hold intersynodical conferences annually.

THE INDIANA SYNOD'S three-year appeal for $96,000 to aid Camp Lutherwald, the Purdue Student Foundation, Hamma Divinity School, and the Chicago Seminary has become a four-year program. The appeal has fallen $26,226 short of meeting its three-year goal. The Executive Board of the synod has taken action to extend the appeal into 1955, and has granted congregations permission to assign their contributions to one or more of the four causes.

THE MULBERRY HOME FOR THE AGED was visited by the Rev. Francis A. Shearer of the Board of Social Missions and by the synodical home missions committee in January. Pastor Shearer is assisting the synodical committee complete a study of the entrance requirements and program of the home. The Mulberry Home board received the resignation of Superintendent Paul McCormick at its Jan. 18 meeting. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick plan to move to Pho Arizona, in May.

BETHANY CHURCH, South Bend, the George W. Schuette pastor, has purc a house adjoining the church proper provide much needed Sunday school This 15-month-old congregation al finds it necessary to hold two services Sunday morning.

MARYLAND

Churches Are Victims Of Juvenile Delinquen

By WILSON P. ARD

HAGERSTOWN—Two Hagerstown bo and 16 years of age, were arrested her told police they had committed more 45 burglaries in two years. Among v were two Lutheran churches, St. Mark Trinity. The loot of the two young bu ranged from pocketbooks to jewelr represented thousands of dollars in va

The boys seemed to be proud of adventures. They said they had be successful before their arrest that th planned a "big job"—a bank robbe their next undertaking.

Synod Treasurer Virgil W. Doub re that the 1954 apportionment was pa per cent. Lutheran World Action r amounted to 115 per cent of the 195

REPORTED MISSING by the Navy is Aviation Machinist's Mate James Lindsay, member of Trinity Church erstown. He was among the 13 p aboard the Super-Constellation that c in the foggy Gulf of St. Lawrence Ja

Man and God in the City, mission book, will be the subject of a panel sion on the February program of Women of the Church," Trinity C Hagerstown. Participating in the pan be Pastor R. Richard Summer, Church, moderator; Charles A. Bech cial worker for the Salvation Army

RD FOR SIZE: When Church of the Transfiguration was organized with 108 members and
tized children at Cayce, S. C., it set a record as South Carolina's largest "baby congrega-
351 persons attended first service at Cayce Theater. Rev. C. H. Stucke developed mission.

ey, juvenile court judge; Miss Jane
, welfare worker; and Orin Berthi-
of Fairchild Aircraft Corporation.
Bible study section of the Woman's
Hagerstown, will hear Dr. L. Boyd
. St. John's Church, and Dr. Wilson
l, Trinity Church, in five one-hour
on the Gospels and the Acts of the
s.
Rev. Glenn L. Stahl, Trinity Church,
own, Md., will become co-pastor with
Clinton Ritz of Evangelical Lutheran
Waynesboro, Pa.
m F. Gunther was ordained at St.
Church, Leitersburg, Jan. 30, by
President J. Frank Fife and Pastor
F. Reisz . . . Sister Doris Engel
g the synod to present the work of
onate and the challenge of full-time
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for financing the proposed new
nd church school bulding have been
d by Haven mission, Hagerstown,
rank P. Cauble . . . Dr. Karl Henry,
f American Missions, investigated
bilities of a mission in the Halfway
Hagerstown.

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I Gets Ready
ext Hundred Years

By HAROLD A. WOLFF

LLE—Officers and pastors of the
i Synod were planning this month
ation of the synod's hundredth
y. The Mississippi Synod was or-
ganized July 25, 1855. Press, radio, and television publicity for the centennial will be sought. The synod's executive committee is also formulating plans for the church's continued growth in this state during the second century.

Synod President Harold A. Wolff, who is also chairman of the home mission committee, is planning a tour of certain areas of the state to investigate new mission fields. In one community on the Gulf Coast 22 persons have expressed interest in a Lutheran mission. Requests for visits have come from several sections of the Delta, in the state's northwest section. If further study of the fields reveals possibilities, teams of pastors and laymen will canvass the areas concerned.

The congregations in Mississippi met only 83 per cent of the synod's total budget in 1954. But they oversubscribed their benevolence quota, so that receipts for benevolence purposes substantially exceeded the estimates.

Pastor Wade H. Koons knows what it means to have "ups and downs" in the Lord's work. Trinity Church, Jackson, where he is pastor, lost 25 active members during the past nine months out of a congregation of 220. All 25 moved to other parts of the country. Ten were Sunday school teachers. Three others were members of the church council.

In spite of this loss, Trinity Church went over its budget for 1954 and overpaid benevolence by 37 per cent. The 1955 budget of $16,000, largest in the history of the congregation, has been oversubscribed. Says

MISSISSIPPI . . .

Pastor Koons: "Here is a true example of stewardship and loyalty to the work of the Lord!"

Last December the Jackson Ministerial Association elected Pastor Wade H. Koons their president for 1955. With a membership of some 80 ministers in the organization, Pastor Koons is the only Lutheran.

This small southern synod is delighted with attentions from the ULCA boards. During January, Sister Elizabeth Hess of the Board of Deaconess Work toured the synod. In February the Rev. Harner Middleswarth, secretary of the Board of Parish Education, will meet with the Mississippi Synod education committee at Trinity Church in Jackson to arrange for an itinerary.

St. Paul's, Senatobia, has extended a call to its supply pastor, the Rev. Karlis A. Birznieks to become pastor of this group of Latvians who have been supplied by mission developers and supply pastors since 1950. Although many members have moved to areas providing more lucrative jobs, those who remain have loyally established the congregation and assumed the responsibility for it.

Despite the absence of a pastor, under the guidance of the church council and the leadership of its vice president, Frank Forster, St. John's and Betheden congregations of the Louisville parish continue to have good attendance at all services.

Attention is attracted by the six-foot cross on the lawn of the property used by the Starkville mission. It is covered with light-reflecting material and so situated that cars on Highway No. 82 see the lights of headlamps reflected from this dazzling white cross. The sign next to it informs all who pass that Faith Lutheran Church welcomes them.

New Hope congregation, Sallis, is adding Sunday school rooms to the church building, while planning for the observance of the synod's hundredth anniversary. Forefathers of the New Hope congregation were hosts to the group of ministers and laymen who organized the Mississippi Synod. Luther Chapel Church in the Burns Parish, the O. M. Morgan pastor (who also sup New Hope), has already paid six mo of its benevolence for 1955, after me for the first time in many years its c for 1954 in full.

Members of Grace Church, Laurel, fered damage to their homes during tornado that swept a portion of the early in the new year. There wer casualties.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

West Coast Churches Grow

By HOWARD L. LOGAN

Los Angeles—Annual reports from gregations in California show encour gains in membership and signs of vig growth. St. Andrew's Church, Van reported a gain of over 200 comm members. Christ Church, San Diego an increase of 100 members.

A new educational building is unde sideration at Trinity Church, Pas Grace Church, Richmond, increase church council to 18 members and d to call an assistant pastor. Two women elected for the first time as members church council at St. Matthew's C North Hollywood.

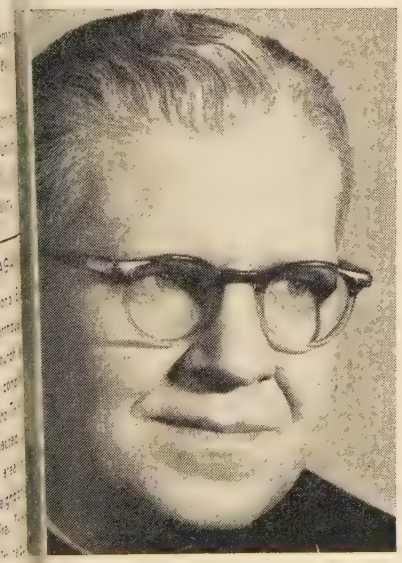
Two preaching-teaching-reaching mi were conducted by the Lutheran Co sion on Evangelism in Arizona and th Francisco Bay area in February. Th

DISASTER STRIKES AGAIN!

In 1933 Trinity Church, Long Beach severely damaged by an earthquake. considerable expense, the church was r structed and placed in fine condition. on Jan. 6 an arsonist got into Trinity C and started a fire which caused dama the sanctuary and chancel area in exc $30,000. The next day, a neighboring P terian church was set on fire. Trinity C was obliged to conduct its regular s in the church basement on the foll Sunday.

brought several ULC pastors from states into the synod as guest preach-The Rev. Edward E. Hummon, Seattle, hed at Grace Church, Richmond. St. ael's Church, Berkeley, played host to Richard R. Syre, Central Seminary, ont, Nebr. Among missioners in San isco were the Revs. John G. Simmons Karl E. Kniseley of North Hollywood Glendale. Our Saviour's Church, Tuc-eard Pastor Ross F. Hidy of Berkeley. st Church, Glendale, has called Mr. w Gresko, senior at Pacific Lutheran ary, to begin his ministry as assistant in June. A radio ministry was ap-l which includes broadcasting Sunday ng and evening services and a 15-min-votional program each day during the

Mark's Church, San Francisco, has old by its pastor, the Rev. J. George that he will retire at the end of 1956. ll then have completed 15 years of at St. Mark's to which he came from ood Church. A program of expan-in the offing for St. Mark's in line he civic development of the area the church. One of the few West Coast ULCA churches with an endowment fund, members of St. Mark's learned that their fund has now reached the $100,000 mark.



ASTOR LLOYD E. JACOBSON
New York to West Coast

The Rev. Lloyd E. Jacobson, director of evangelism of the ULC Board of Social Missions, has accepted a call from First Church, Fresno. He will assume his pastorate early in spring. First Church's Pastor Paul Wolpert died last summer.

AMONG THE CONGREGATIONS: First Church, San Francisco, conducted a 24-hour chain of prayer for the success of its evangelism effort . . . Advent Church, Los Angeles, has asked the Rev. Paul C. Wharton, chaplain of the Lutheran Hospital Society of South California, to be its interim pastor until a successor to the Rev. Henry H. Scherer has been found. Pastor Scherer moved to Baldwin Park, Calif., Feb. 1.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania Protestants Discuss Common Goals

By ROBERT G. SANDER

JOHNSTOWN—Co-operative work of Christian churches in Pennsylvania was discussed by 300 clerical and lay delegates to the assembly of the Pennsylvania Council of Churches in Johnstown Feb. 1-2.

The assembly, which brought together representatives of 19 denominations, heard reports from its five divisions and departments. As defined by Dr. Jesse C. Reber, general secretary of the state council, the council is "an arm and voice of Pennsylvania Protestantism, a guardian of its prerogatives, and a defender of its faith." The assembly is its governing body.

DURING 1954 the 140 churches of the Allegheny Conference gave $38,225 for Lutheran World Action or 114.55 per cent against a minimum expectancy of $33,368. This figure compares favorably with 1953 LWA offerings which amounted to $38,785.

1955 LWA directors in the conference have been assigned by counties. They are: The Rev. Carroll S. Rudisill, Bedford-

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Huntingdon; the Rev. Robert L. Lang, Jr., Blair-Clearfield; the Rev. Roy L. Yund, Somerset; and the Rev. Robert G. Sander, Cambria. LWA visual aid distributors in the conference are the Rev. John L. Barnes, Altoona, and Dr. George I. Melhorn, Johnstown. The 1955 LWA goal for Allegheny Conference is $43,048.

Before turning over the leadership of the state government to George M. Leader, Gov. John S. Fine appointed a Lutheran to a vacancy in the Cambria County Common Pleas Court. He is Attorney H. Clifton McWilliams of Johnstown. Judge McWilliams is a member of First Church, Johnstown. The appointment will run until January 1956.

Two pre-Lenten retreats will be held in Allegheny Conference. One in St. Paul's Church, Johnstown, on Feb. 21 and the other in St. Matthew's Church, Martinsburg, on Feb. 22. Dr. Carl C. Rasmussen of Gettysburg Seminary will speak.

CAMP SEQUANOTA, Jennerstown, has set a registration goal of 1,000 campers for the summer season. The Rev. Roderic N. Senft, camp director, lists the following dates for 1955:

Senior Boys, June 13-20; Senior Co-Ed, June 20-27; Senior Girls, June 27-July 4; Junior Girls, July 4-11; Junior Girls, July 11-18; Intermediate Girls, July 18-25; Intermediate Girls, July 25-Aug. 1; Junior Boys, Aug. 1-8; Junior Boys, Aug. 8-15; and Intermediate Boys, Aug. 15-22.

Prominent Layman Quits Bucks County Judgeship

By WILLIAM C. ROEGER

NORRISTOWN—A Lutheran layman, President Judge Hiram H. Keller of the Bucks County courts, resigned his judgeship at the close of 1954. The well-known jurist, who served for over 25 years on the bench, will devote his time to private law practice and to other interests among which the United Lutheran Church ranks first.

Judge Keller was president of the ULC's Board of Publication from 1947 to He has been chairman of the Board of tees of Gettysburg College to which h elected in 1937, and has served on the isterium of Pennsylvania's Board of Missions. Judge Keller, a former chairman of Bucks County, county so and district attorney, was appointed bench in 1929 and commissioned pr judge in 1930. He was re-elected office for two more consecutive te terms in 1939 and 1949. His fourth would have expired in 1960.

REALIZING AN AMBITION which goe to the 1920's, St. Mark's Church, C hocken, dedicated a new parish hous marily for the educational program church. The new building contains a hall and classrooms. Participating dedicatory services with the pastor, Dr McCarney, were Dr. Earl F. Rahn, tive secretary of the Board of Christia cation of the Ministerium of Pennsy Gettysburg Seminary President Dr. H Baughman preached.

As St. Mark's completed its proje other congregation, Trinity Church dale, embarked on another. Groun broken for the erection of a new chu a 10-acre site at the edge of the town. the shovel that broke ground for the parish house in 1923, representatives church committees took part in th mony. Officiating at the service were W. Paul Reumann and his son, th John H. P. Reumann, an assistant pr at the Philadelphia Seminary. Mor 500 were present. Construction of the will cost in excess of $500,000. Cost complete long-term building proj which erection of the church is but ginning is estimated at $1,500,000.

Little Zion Church, Indianfield, is e in a building project of minor prop Using donated material the congreg erecting a cabin for the use of Boy a Scouts. Three Boy Scout troops ar sored by the Brotherhood. The W Missionary Society sponsors a Girl troop and is planning a Brownie unit

A Brotherhood was organized

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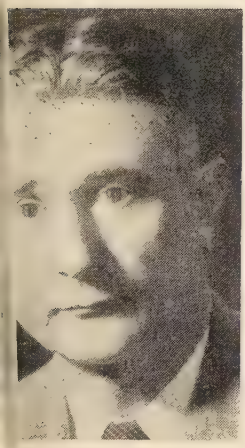

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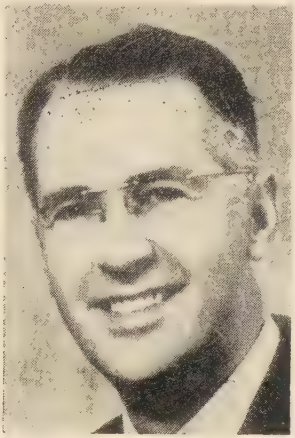

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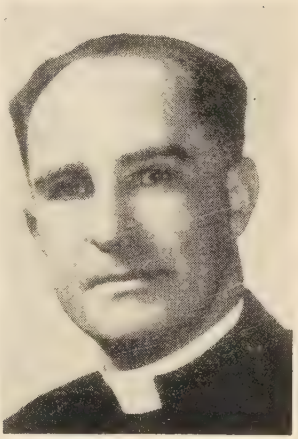

Dr. C. A. Honeycutt

norary degrees will be awarded to Mr. H. Odelle Harman, Sr. (LL.D.) and the Rev. John y (D.D.) at a convocation and dedication service at Newberry College in South Carolina . 20. Mr. Harman is school superintendent at Lexington, S. C., and is a member of the Board of Publication. He is chairman of the college's board of trustees and heads the centennial campaign. The Rev. Mr. Peery is a Newberry alumnus who has for 25 years as a ULCA missionary in India. Dr. Honeycutt, pastor of Ebenezer Church in Columbia, ill speak at the convocation, at which a memorial pipe organ and piano will be dedicated.

l's Church, Sellersville, which will ith the synodical and ULCA Brother- The Norristown Conference Broth- has made plans for its annual pre- "Quiet Day" for men and women at uel Church, Souderton. The Con- Luther League held its annual mis- rally at Trinity Church, Quaker- ith a Philadelphia Seminary student erto Rico as the speaker.

bers of St. John's Church, Ridge and Jerusalem Church, Almont, esented their pastor, A. Ellsworth dvith a new car. His former car had more than 188,000 miles, mostly ess in his far-flung parish . . . St. Church, Quakertown, surprised its he Rev. Harry W. Fitting, at its neeting with a program patterned television show "This Is Your Life." persons who had part in his 40-year were there to greet him. Gifts were

Church Needs 4,000 Helpers In Full-Time Religious Work

By CARL W. WEBER

PHILADELPHIA—The Lutheran Church will need 4,000 women in the next few years to fill posts in all phases of full-time religious work. The ULC Board of Education, together with the Board of Education of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, will call attention to this need in a series of conferences in Philadelphia and Norristown.

Students and professional women will be invited to attend lectures and discussion sessions on the woman's place in church work at Advocate Church, Philadelphia. A second conference for home makers and business women will be held at Trinity Church, Norristown, March 5.

MEN SERVING on church councils in northeast Philadelphia will gather in Salem Church on Feb. 16 for an exchange of ideas.

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The dinner has been arranged by the pastoral association to enable congregational leaders to get acquainted and discuss common problems.

The 27th Lutheran church school workers' conference will be held Feb. 19 in Mitten Hall, Temple University. Sunday school problems will be discussed from angles. The meeting will be closed by address by Mrs. Clarence T. Nelson. Nelson, a sister of Federal Judge Lu Youngdahl, is a member of the Boar Lutheran Social Service of the Augus Church. She has written several books children and adults.

RETIRED PASTORS were honored at a ice at Trinity Church, Havertown, on 12. Pastor Frederick L. Fritsch prese a biography and testimonial to each o 12 guests. They were Pastors Rober Clare, Charles G. Girelius, Paul P. Hu Albert Kanzinger, Carl H. Karsch, Wil Kieffer, William H. C. Lauer, C. K. Lipp William J. Miller, S. T. Nicholas, Wil C. Nye, and Lester Reddin.

VANDALS broke into Christ Church, L town, Dec. 29. They broke a window to gain entrance to the sacristy, but f no money. They left after having lit the floor with torn paper, matches, candles. The following week, young were discovered in the Sunday school ing as they were helping themselves t freshments prepared for a congregat meeting. They escaped through a br window.

The Free Health Clinic for children tablished by Bethel Church in 1947 soon move to new quarters on N. Street. The clinic had been institute Pastor Ivan H. Hagedorn on the sugg of Dr. Arthur Snyder, a neighborhood sician. In seven years it has treated children, mostly of needy families. physicians donate their services. Some from Camden and Allentown to be on on Wednesday afternoons when their patients arrive. The physicians are J Their patients come from Protestant, J and Catholic homes.

To enable the clinic to expand, B Church bought a building to be use clinic and Bible school. Its two stories provide sufficient room for both. The of the project, about $11,000, will be mostly by the church. $2,000 was tributed by the clinic fund made up of tions from families who use its service

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Greater Stewardship Giving

By ADAM E. POLCRACK

TTSVILLE—Many men were without n the Pottsville area last year. Homes uncertain of what the future may bring s coal-mining valley where over 5,000 were unemployed last summer. But egations gave more for the stewardship of their church in 1954 than in the us year.

heran World Action receipts totaled 52—103.8 per cent of the goal for LWA conference chairman Pastor Kramer of Mahanoy City reported. dship chairman Pastor Walter H. y, Ringtown, announced that apportnt paid in 1954 was $91,684, as com- to $89,603 in the preceding year.

ouraging reports came from individual gations.

ortgage-burning service was held on 6 in St. Paul's Church, Orwigsburg, ng final payment on a $15,000 debt d during a church and Sunday school tion program in 1949-50. Pastor Wil- . Marburger and congregational leadticipated in the service.

'aul's Church, Tower City, the Rev. C. Davis pastor, has approved a proor an addition to the present edifice ucational and social purposes . . . A gan, pulpit, memorial stained glass ', choir pews and other furnishings edicated by Pastor Bernard Engelt St. James' Church, Ashland. Forstor Charles E. Rudy, Mifflinville, ated in the service.

nunion vessels were dedicated at St. Church, Friedensburg, by the Rev. e A. Steigerwalt. The vessels were a Layman Earl Stoyer . . . A stained ndow was dedicated in memory of F. Simpson, former Sunday school endent of St. Paul's Church, Port

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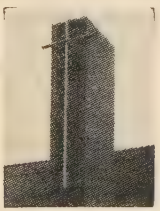

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Annual meeting of conference v held April 20 in Zion (Red) Church Friedensburg Parish, the Rev. Clare Steigerwalt pastor. Zion Church wil brate its 200th anniversary this year

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in Houston Jan. 20-21. (He spoke
5-27 in Menucha, Oregon, and Feb.
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Loew spoke at Houston's Grace
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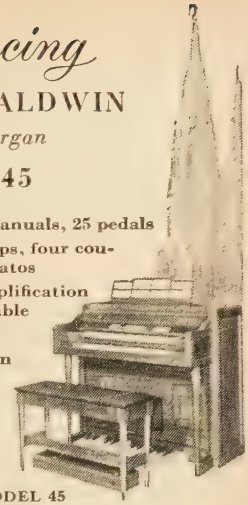

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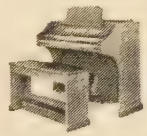

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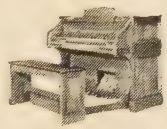

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Dr. Arthur M. Knudsen, secretary division of English Missions, represen Board of American Missions good-na and effectively. He took the brunt broadsides aimed by the missiona some of the red tape involved, parti in the securing of building plans ap and board loans.

In the area of evangelism, the Rev. L. Wahlberg, chairman of the sy committee on evangelism and also a r pastor, spoke of casual evangelism, evangelism, and formal evangelism spoke of the witness of church bu and of personal habits, urging "a c for little things," and at the same tir phasizing the need for developing th gregation's evangelism potential t regular visitation programs and pre teaching missions.

Budget planning, every-member tions, proportionate giving, "grace grams, the tithe, all came under in examination through the guidance H. C. Hoisington, chairman of stewardship committte, a layman fro pus Christi. "A man must have a c he is to take the venture of faith calls for the sharing of time and tale treasures," he said.

"The reasons we're not receiving m our congregations," he continued, "a we're not asking for it . . . To tithe is your church giving out of the luxury It's putting Christ first!"

Mrs. Hugh Leiper, from Messiah m Austin, chairman of the synodical education committee, answered questi an hour after her presentation on education principles and programs.

Dr. Royal Lesher, synod presiden the Rev. Nathaniel Kern, synod vice dent and home mission pastor at Vi did their share of question answerin

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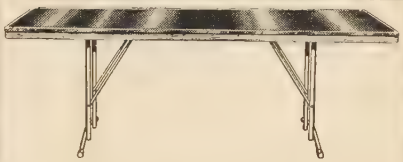

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Rev. Albert M. Lutton

The Rev. Albert Meredith Lutto died Jan. 13 in Albuquerque, N. health had forced him to retire in 1

Born in 1889 at Venetia, Pa., Mr. studied engineering at Ohio Northern versity, but enrolled later at Susqu University to prepare for the ministr was ordained in 1919.

After serving two rural parishes ne Grove, Pa., and for one year First C Dayton, Ohio, he assumed the pasto First Church, Cincinnati, in 1927. He that parish for 22 years until his retir and in 1950 he moved to Albuquerqu

The funeral was conducted Jan. 17

Church, Albuquerque, by Pastor Lee-[illegible]. Soker assisted by Student Pastor [illegible] Skinner. Organist was the son of [illegible]e Pastor Lutton, Robert, minister of [illegible] in Bluefield, W. Va. Interment was [illegible]uquerque.

[illegible]iving are Pastor Lutton's wife Bertha; [illegible] children, Elizabeth, Richard and [illegible].

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[illegible] from an educational point of view, [illegible]re scriptural and hymn references for [illegible]vices. Seabury, 1954, $3.25.

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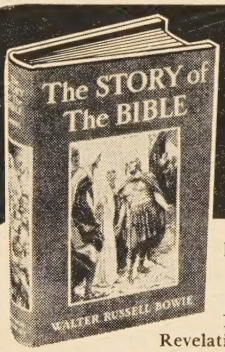

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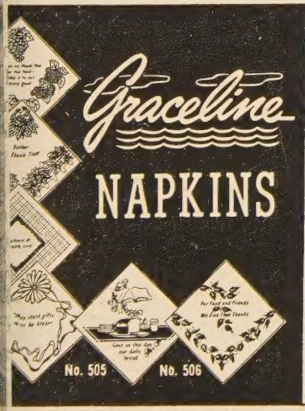

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Suppose you pray that your husband may become foreman of the factory where he is now assistant foreman. Tomorrow the foreman drops dead and your husband gets the job. Is this an answer to your prayer? Maybe you pray for a mink coat, or a trip to Florida.

Positive thinking isn't enough. We need unselfish thinking, learned at the foot of the cross. We pray for daily bread, for the common necessities of life. We pray also that all people may be supplied with these necessities. When we get up from our prayers, and realize that we have two coats and our neighbor has none, God is telling us to give a coat to our neighbor.

FAITH IS THE heartbeat of the Christian life. We depend on God for everything, and we tell him so a dozen times a day. It may be that some Christians haven't learned to trust God, although it's hard to see how any of us could fail to grasp that this is the one Christian essential.

There are times when clouds pile up, and we doubt whether God cares about us. That, in itself, is still faith, groping in darkness. We can come through safely by falling back on our old practices of childlike prayer, searching through the Scriptures, worshiping in our churches. God is sure and certain to be seeking us, and will quickly find us if we don't run away.

But to try to sign up God as our ally in raising our standards of living is c terfeit Christianity. As long as we fairly decent houses to live in, ca sufficient to keep us going, and so our chief concern is with how we help others. The real "positive thin is not how much we ask for ourselve how much we ask for others.

I am not obliged to rate Dr. P preachments according to this sta It should be as simple as ABC for body to do that. The only reason an obligation to refer to Dr. Peale i his success gospel is so attractive th stands a good chance of becomin Protestant Bishop Sheen on TV ar the newsstands. I don't think Prote should be happy about that.

IT IS OUR NATURE to want more our share. We are competitive pe trying to get ahead. Many of us ge with disappointment when we see c enjoying the good fortune we woul for ourselves.

God promises to set us free fro frustrations, not by supplying every we think we want but by releasin from wanting so much. There is loneliness and sorrow in the w caused by our heartlessness. God us to forget ourselves, and seek t the burdens of others. As we res we find that our own burdens are l

God isn't revealed in Santa Claus showed himself to us in Jesus, who pletely disappointed his followers they thought he would be the king c Jews. He got a crown, but different the one they expected. It would b diculous for any followers of his, in to pray for a Mediterranean cruise fistful of General Motors stock.

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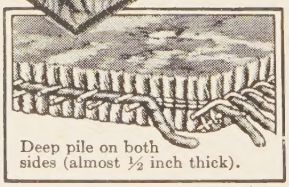

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